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SUBJECT: FEES FOR SALMON FISHING

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SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE IS PREPARING A REPORT ON
THE 1978 JAPANESE-SOVIET SALMON PROTOCOL SIGNED ON
APRIL 21, 1978. NMFS UNDERSTANDS THAT JAPAN WILL BE
REQUIRED TO PAY THE USSR 1.76 BILLION YEN (US 7.4 MILLION
DOLLARS) OR ABOUT 4.5 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE CATCH,
AS A COMPENSATION TO THE USSR FOR PERMISSION TO CATCH
SALMON SPAWNED IN SOVIET RIVERS. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM
AVAILABLE INFORMATION HOW THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID WAS
DETERMINED. HAVE THE NEGOTIATORS CONSIDERED CURRENT
SALMON PRICES IN JAPAN AND DETERMINED THE TOTAL PAYMENT
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BY MULTIPLYING THAT PRICE BY THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL
QUOTA (42,500)? HOW DID THE NEGOTIATORS DETERMINE HOW
MUCH OF THE SALMON ALLOWED JAPAN WAS SPAWNED IN SOVIET
RIVERS? HOW WAS THE PRICE OF SALMON DETERMINED? DID
THE NEGOTIATORS TAKE AVERAGE 1977 SALMON PRICES IN
JAPAN OR DID THEY USE THE PREVAILING 1978 PRICES? WERE
SALMON PRICES IN THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERED? END

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BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE 2. FOR MOSCOW ONLY: NMFS IS PREPARING A REPORT ON FOREIGN FISHING FEE SYSTEMS AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND DETERMINATION OF ANY FISHING FEES CONTEMPLATED BY THE SOVIET UNION. NMFS UNDERSTANDS THAT THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT CHARGE THE UNITED KINGDOM OR NORWAY FEES FOR FISHING IN THE SOVIET ZONE IN THE BARENTS SEA IN 1977. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION OR CORRECTION OF THE ASSERTION THAT THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT CHARGE ANY FEES IN 1977 FOR FISHING ANYWHERE IN ITS 200-MILE ZONE. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE THE SOVIETS INSTITUTED A FEE SYSTEM IN 1978 OR DO THEY PLAN TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE? THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE FEE SYSTEMS REPORT IS DUE JUNE 21 AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY JUNE 17. IF THE SOVIETS HAVE PUBLISHED A DECREE ON FISHING FEES, NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY BY POUCH AND A SHORT SUMMARY BY TELEGRAM. NMFS CONTACTED THE LOCAL SOVIET EMBASSY FISHERY OFFICERS, WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE DESIRED INFORMATION IN PUBLISHED FORMAT, AND DID NOT WANT TO PRESS THE MATTER DUE TO THE DELICACY OF THE SUBJECT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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